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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 10-297280 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page two of the specification of the present application.

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2. Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 9-216583 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page two of the specification of the present application.

In addition, English abstracts of non-English Japanese Patent Paid-open No. 11-129758, 11-342745 and 9-71184 are attached.

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